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REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
K. No. S. B. D. Station
Date January 11, 1939.

Subject ASSISTANCE TO JAPANESE MILITARY POLICE.

Made by D. S. Bradley Forwarded by D. I. Glover

Sir,

Since the arrest of the 5 suspects for the Japanese Military Police, detectives have made intensive enquiries regarding their activities and no proof has been found regarding the allegations made against them that they had come to Shanghai to buy firearms.

When they were arrested on 29-12-38 no evidence was found against them, and since that time the Japanese Military Police have not come forward with any proof that they were here to buy firearms or that the rice brought by them from Kiangyin was stolen.

The receipt (attached) which was found in the possession of the 3rd accused, seems proof enough that the rice brought to Shanghai by him for sale was obtained in a legal manner from the Yah Woo Koong Chi (協和公記) Foodstuff Hong, Loh Kai Jiao (陸家橋).

All 5 of the accused appear to be men of honest character who have only come to Shanghai to negotiate a perfectly harmless rice deal and the only proof submitted by the Japanese Military Police to the contrary is the statement of a Chinese informer in the pay of the Japanese Military Police who alleges that they came to Shanghai to purchase firearms, and he cannot substantiate his allegations.

If the 5 suspects really came to Shanghai to buy firearms and the Japanese Military Police knew so much about their activities, there is no known reason why they should be arrested before they had bought the firearms and then, not only would there be evidence against them, but it would have allowed

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the Japanese Military Police to locate the source of the Firearms.

The 5 suspects have made the attached statements and there is no reason to doubt their veracity.

The 5 accused are still being detained at C.B.H.Q.

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I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

J. Bradley
D. S. 244

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FORM 40
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.

The following is the statement of SUNG TAI KAU ( ), 36, M/Merchant,
native of Kiangying taken by C.D.3. 172,
at C. 1 on the 29.12.38 and interpreted by Yao.

I am a cloth merchant at Loh Ka Jiao, Tsoh Daung Village, Kiangying. I am now living at Room 52, Hung Ziang Lodging House, Avenue Road.

I am a native of Loh Ka Jiao, Tsoh Daung Village, Kiangying, where my family, brother, sister and an aged mother are now living. There we have 43 mows of land and six small houses, and trading in native cloth is my profession.

On 22.12.38 I came to Shanghai with the other four men all in custody, taking with us 94 piculs of rice per s/s Han Wo. On arrival, the rice were moved to 260 Shanhaikwan Road, the Yung Hsing Rice Hong, to whom we intended to sell. However, owing to their offer being too low, the cargo of rice was then stored in that hong, awaiting a better chance for sale, and all of us engaged Room 52 in Hung Ziang Lodging House as temporial quarters.

As we were waiting for the chance to sell our rice at a better price, we were arrested.

I had never been in the employ of any government organs, military, police etc.

Signed, finger printed : SUNG TAI KAU.

FORM 40
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.

The following is the statement of TSANG ZAU LIH ( ), 25, M/Farmer,
native of Kiangying taken by me C.D.S.172
at C.1 on the 29.12.38 and interpreted by Yao.

I am a farmer in Loh Ka Jiao, Tsoh Daung Village, Kiangying, where I have 41 mows of land and three flats to accomodate my parents, brother, wife and children. We live on the rice raised from our own fields. I am at present living in Room 52, Hung Ziang Lodging House, Avenue Road.

On 22.12.38 I obtained 43 sacks of rice from my native place, loaded them on board a British s/s "Han Woo" and came to Shanghai with intentions to sell. On arrival, the cargo of rice was moved to the Yung Hsing Rice Hong, 260 Shanhaikwan Road, where I demanded $500.oo for it. However, before the rice hong had paid me the price for the cargo, I was arrested together with four friends at Room 52 of that lodging house.

I have never held any government positions.

This is the truth.

Signed, finger printed by : TSANG ZAU LAI.

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REPORT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.

The following is the statement of LOH OEN ZAU ( ), 35, M/Farmer,
native of Kiangying taken by me C.D.S. 172
at C.1 on the 28.12.38 and interpreted by Yao.

I am a farmer at Loh Ka Jiao, Tsoh Daung Village, Kiangying, where I have 5 mows of land with which to supply my mother, aunt and sister. In Shanghai, I am living in Room 52, Hung Ziang Lodging House, Avenue Road.

On 22.12.38, my friend Sung Tai Kau and myself both put up a capital and bought 94 sacks of rice, which was loaded on board a British s/s "Hen Woo" and transported to Shanghai. On arrival, the cargo of rice was moved to the Yung Hsing Rice Hong, 260 Shanhaikwan Road, to whom we negotiated for sale. However, as the price offered was too low, we stored the rice there and awaited for a better chance to sell it. In Room 52 of that lodging house, we were arrested.

I have never worked in the police, military or any gov't positions.

This is the truth.

Sd. LIEU OEN ZAU.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.

The following is the statement of WONG CHING FONG (王清芳), 34, M/Farmer,
native of Kiangying taken by me C.D.S.172
at C. 1 on the 29/12/38 and interpreted by Yao

I am a farmer at Loh Ka Jiao, Tsoh Daung Village, Kiang-Ying. I am now living in Room 52 Hung Ziang Lodging House, Avenue Road.

I was brought up in Kiangying, where I have 8 mows of land, and an aged mother, wife and children to take care of. I lived on the proceeds of the field.

On 22.12.38, I and four friends came to Shanghai per s/s Han Wu to sell some 50 sacks of rice. On arrival, I stored my rice in the Yui Zung Godown, Kiukiang Road, awaiting a chance to sell it at a better price. All of us lived in Room No.52 of that lodging House, until several days ago, when we were arrested.

I had never served in any government organisations, police, military etc.. This is the truth.

Signed : WONG CHING FONG.

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REPORT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.

The following is the statement of TSANG AH KYUNG ( ), 33, M/Farmer,
native of Kiangying, -- C.D.S. 172,
at C.1 on the 29.12.38 taken by me and interpreted by Yao.

I am a farmer at Loh Ka Jiao, Tsoh Daung Village, Kiangying, where I have in possession 3 mows of land and a wooden sail boat to live on. (The No. of the sail boat, allotted by the former City Government, No.57129). There are five persons in my family, my parents, wife and two children, who all assist me either as a farmer or as a boatman.

On 22.12.38 I purchased 66 piculs of rice and came to Shanghai with 4 friends per s/s Han Wu. On arrival, I moved my cargo of rice to the Yung Hsing Rice Hong, 260 Shanhaikwan Road, where ... demanded $600.oo for same. I was paid $500.oo first, the balance to be cleared later. This $600 was handed to my friend Wong Dau Tuh on 28.12.38 who was sending same to my home in Kiangying.

In Shanghai, I and the four friends all put up in Room 52, Hung Xiang Lodging House, Avenue Road. We intended to depart for Kiangying as soon as all the transactions of the other friends had concluded. But soon we were arrested. This is the truth.

I had never been working in a gov't position, police military etc.

Signed : TSANG AH KYUNG.

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H. S. C. B. Station

REPORT

Date December 29, 1938

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D. 8299/24
38/12/38

Subject ASSISTANCE TO JAPANESE MILITARY POLICE

Made by D. S. Bradley Forwarded by D. I. Glover

Sir,

On 28-12-38, D.S.I. Umemoto attached to the Special Political Office reported that Warrant Officer Shimowatari of the Japanese Military Police had information that a male Chinese had arrived in Shanghai from Chinkiang to buy arms for guerilla troops. The male Chinese could be arrested at a certain hotel at 7 a.m. 29-12-38 and assistance was requested to effect his arrest.

The necessary assistance was given by S.D.S. 304 and the undersigned and at 7.30 a.m. 29-12-38 a raid was carried out on room 52 of the Ong Siang (鴻祥) Lodging House, 20 Avenue Road, where the following 5 male Chinese were arrested as they were pointed out by the Japanese Military Police as being suspected in attempting to buy arms :-

(1) TSANG ZAU LIH (張兆蘭), 25, Kiangyin, M/Unemployed, Kiangyin.

(2) LOH OEN ZAU (刘和尚), 32, Kiangyin, M/Farmer, Kiangyin.

(3) SUNG TAI KAU (孫斗閣), 36, Kiangyin, M/Tailor, Kiangyin.

(4) TSANG AH KYUNG (張阿琴), 33, Kiangyin, M/Boatman, Kiangyin.

(5) WONG CHING FONG (王金芳), 34, Kiangyin, M/Farmer, Kiangyin.

These men were questioned and they stated that they were natives and residents of Kiangyin who had brought 204 bags of rice from Kiangyin to Shanghai to sell on 22-12-38.

They denied being in Shanghai to buy arms but the Japanese Military Police state that the rice brought to Shanghai by the 5 men was stolen and they intended to utilise the money paid for it to buy arms.

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The 5 accused deny that the rice was stolen and the 3rd accused produced a bill of sale for the rice which he brought to Shanghai.

The rice is at present stored in Shanhaikwan Road and the persons storing same have been informed that the rice should not be removed until further enquiries have been made.

The information given to C.B.H.Q. by D.S.I. Umemoto does not seem to be very accurate, as it was alleged that only one person from Chinkiang was to be arrested whilst now the Japanese Military Police have arrested 5 men from Kiangyin.

The Japanese Military Police request the immediate handing over of the 5 accused, but they have been informed by the undersigned that they will have to apply in the usual manner for the 5 accused who are meanwhile being detained at C.B.H.Q.

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I am, Sir,
Yours obediently,

J. Bradley
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